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My children grew up in the 1980's. If it weren't for Public Television, there would have been no point in having a television (as far as their viewing).

I agree that there should be a clear mandate that ALL broadcasters provide high quality, commercial-free, children's programs (up through high school age).

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I support efforts that would require networks to have a specified number of childrens educational programs. I am concerned with all the cuts in the budget and childrens education is something that I want to see improved, not reduced.

Thank you,
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Subject: FCC policy on childrens television

I am listening to your Press Club speech on the future of television as I write this note. I am so excited to hear you talk and am very pleased with the substance and tone of your speech.

We have a 5 yr old son. Although he does watch television, we limit him to much less than the average child's weekly t.v. hours. I can see why some parents would allow the television to become a form of babysitter. It is difficult to manage time so that t.v. does not become a babysitter (especially here in Wisconsin in the winter time).

I am very much behind your push to more carefully control the future of television. The shift of technology and service that is almost upon us is the ideal time to manage this.

Please be aware that you have my support.

There is some wonderful programming available on free and public television, but not nearly enough.

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Subject: National Press Club speech

I support Mr. Hundt's efforts to expand for parents the choices of children's television programming available. We monitor our children's viewing closely and are rarely unaware of what they (ages 4 and 6) are watching. We find very little available on broadcast, cablecast, or video rental that is suitable and worthwhile. As a consequence we tape what we can and buy the best prerecorded tapes we can find (their current favorites are "Cirque du Soleil" tapes). This approach is not viable for everyone so it is important that broadcasters be held accountable for their "public interest" obligations.

Wishing you the best.

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To whom it may concern,

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I realize that email is a rather informal form of communication but in the same breath I can praise that I can almost instantly write to the FCC and discuss my support of Mr. Reed Hunt's speech to the National Press Club which I caught today on PBS.

Telecommunications were mentioned in the speech, as were vague questions regarding 'cyberporn' and the like, most likely taking a very loose hint from the typical 'sex and violence on television' questions.

I have a question for Mr. Reed myself. I am currently a student of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Maine (as you can most likely figure from the address.) I am also currently in the (long and painful) process of creating my own concentration within the major: educational children's television.

How delightful that I was lucky enough to have found that luncheon speech!

Mr. Hunt mentioned in his talk that there is very little fare for educational television, outside the PBS system, especially on major networks.

I would like to know how someone like me could get started reviewing educational television and more importantly, WORKING on educational tv when, as Mr. Hunt mentioned, there is so little of it to be found.

My current courses are mass comm, news and advertising based, as that is the general fare for students. I

guess I am the first person to enter with a definite goal of children's television, outside of the

"Power Ranger" genre. I watch what I can, Sesame Street and Bill Nye the

Science Guy, Braingames (the late HBO special) and also the late Encyclopedia, a show also fronted by HBO. There are others, Nova and various programs on the Discovery Channel, as well as other PBS fare, Carmen Sandiego and Reading Rainbow being just a couple more examples.

I am currently attempting to construct three independant study classes in the area of children's television. I have completed a survey paper on internation children's television, but I can't base an three classes on that sort of survey class. Would any of the experts at the FCC have any wisdom which could be passed along to my advisor?

I was inspired today by Mr. Hunt's sincere speech on the need for educational television. I was pleased that my studies were sending me in a direction to help that need be filled. I agree that there should be a federal mandate about educational television. Children aren't exposed to education enough on television (save PBS, which is having its own battles with congress and mass public opinion.) What can I do to help further this cause? To learn about it? To be able to have a creative career in making shows to fill that void?

After hearing Mr. Hunt, I thought that perhaps the FCC would be a good place to start.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter, and I hope that someone has the time to respond to my questions. Also, please extend my thanks to Mr. Hunt for his thoughtful and inspiring speech to the National Press Club. I appreciate his concerns regarding children's television.

Sincerely,
Monique M. Gibouleau

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Subject: Kids Television Programming

I would like to let you know that as a parent of two small children I am very concerned about what is passing through our airwaves. I do not allow my children to watch anything other than public television (which I must say, does an excellent job of offering top shelf children's programs). As they get older I realize that I will have a more difficult time of monitoring what/when they watch. I am in favor of a chip that would allow me the discretion to select the programming I choose for my children. I think what is available over the commercial stations is intolerable...not only from a content standpoint, but from the massive volume of commercials you sit through, as well.

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